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1. A twin-engine DC-3 transport took off from Staaken (N 53/Z 65) airfield about 5 p.m. About 12 planes of the same type took off at intervals of 15 to 20 minutes and then headed west. After a short time these planes returned and five parachutists were dropped from each of them from an altitude of 500 to 800 meters. The parachutists landed near the western edge of the field. It is not known whether the parachutists carried arms or special equipment with them. The parachutes of some of the jumpers opened only a short distance above the ground, whereas most of them opened so soon that their descent lasted about 3 minutes. One of the parachutes did not open at all. \*

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\*                      Comment. An air unit in Staaken, equipped with Li-2 type planes, was                     

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                     From this report it is believed that the unit may be an air transport squadron. The dropping of parachutists over Staaken is reported for the first time. There are no indications as to which unit these parachutists are assigned. No army unit has been observed to date at Staaken airfield. In addition to the air transport squadron, a ground attack regiment is stationed at this field.

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